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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PROCEEDINGS.

(Budget Session of 1100.)

Friday, the 7th of August 1925.

The eighth sitting of the Budget Session commenced in the Town Hall at 11-30 a. m. on Friday the 23rd of Karkadagam 1100, corresponding to the 7th of August 1925 with the Diwan-President in the chair. All the members present on the previous day were in their seats.

Voting of Demands for Grants—(*cont.*)

Demand XVI—Jails—(*cont.*)

President.—Yesterday we had begun Demand No. XVI. Now, we must take up Mr. C A. Ouseph's motion on sub-jails.

Motion No. 53.

Mr. C A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 4,135 for Sub-Jails by one rupee.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

Sir, my motion for a cut of one rupee in the total allotment of Rs. 4,135 for sub-jails is just to call the attention of the Government, with regard to the way in which the sub-jails are maintained. We have been maintaining a first class institution in our Central Jail. The way in which prisoners are looked after has been a matter for praise. These prisoners have been convicted by the State courts. Their guilt has been finally established. But the sub-jail prisoners are under-trial prisoners, whose guilt remains to be established. Therefore, there is every reason for treating the sub-jail prisoners in a better manner than convicted prisoners themselves. But, as a matter of fact, sub-jail life is far worse than actual jail life itself. Most of the sub-jails in the State have absolutely no ventilation. It is all dark inside. It is, indeed, strange that the attention of the Government has not yet been drawn to this matter. It is high time for the

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Government to see that proper ventilation is provided for in the sub-jails.

President.—Which of the sub-jails are you referring to?

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

Most of them. I know the sub-jails in Trichur, Vadakkancheri and Irinjalakkuda. With regard to the Ernakulam Sub-jail, there is one matter which may here be referred to. That is the escape of an under-trial prisoner, one Ramanujam, from the Ernakulam Sub-jail. This is a matter for the Government to enquire into. My purpose here is to call attention to the proper ventilation of the sub-jails and other connected matters. I don't press that motion.

President.—We will look into that matter.

The motion was, with the permission of the House, withdrawn, and the grant was made.

DEMAND XVII—Police—Rs. 2·95 lakhs.

Motion Nos. 54 and 55.

Mr. A. EACHARA MENON (*Chittur*).

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 17,500 for T. A. by Rs. 2,000.

Mr. A. B. SALEM (*Jews*).

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,95,700 for Police by Rs. 10,000.

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR (*Commissioner of Police*).

Sir, I rise to move for an allotment of Rs. 1,75,498 under Demand XVII—Police.

President.—Any explanation as compared with last year's figure?

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR (*Commissioner of Police*).

The increase consists of pay, allowances, etc. Clothing forms an essential part of the expenditure. In Mattancheri, they are given an allowance for water. All these are included under the head and also Reserve Allowance.

Mr. A. EACHARA MENON (*Chittur*),

May I know what this Reserve Allowance is?

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